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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 15, 2004, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-13 drawn to encoding and decoding data in a communication system, classified in class 375, subclass 259, with traverse. Claims 14-42 are canceled without prejudice to renewal in this or another related application.

In view of the foregoing, the claims are believed to be in form for allowance, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, s/he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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